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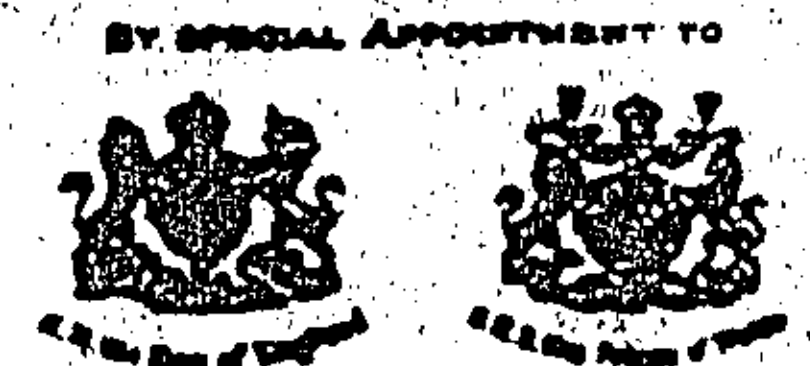
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HONGKONG, January 2, 1908. 1360

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INTENDING APPLICANTS FOR MEMBERSHIP
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ON THURSDAY, the 23rd
SEPTEMBER, at 6.30 p.m., for the purpose
of receiving the Annual Report and Statement
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DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
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THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEET-
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Company will be held at the Company's
Office, on SATURDAY, the 25th SEPTEMBER,
at 10 a.m., for the purpose of receiving
the Report of the General Managers, to-
gether with a Statement of Accounts to the
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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
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NEXT YEAR'S SHIPBUILDING PROGRAMME.

The Navy League cannot profess itself
to be satisfied with the fact that the four
centrifugal Dreadnoughts have now become
defunct premises and are to be laid down
on April 1, 1910, or in the next financial
year. Already Mr. Winston Churchill has
spoken of them in a manner suggesting that
they belong to next year. The *Manchester
Guardian*, and other journals which support
the Government, openly claim them as
next year's programme. It is admitted
that the solution of four Dreadnoughts to
be laid down at the beginning of next
financial year was one arrived at after
many bitter discussions in the Cabinet of
twenty members. Such being the case, it
is scarcely one which commands confidence,
especially when we remember that the
delay in ordering these ships may cause
such a congestion of work in 1910 and 1911
as to render it physically impossible for
the resources of the country to cope with
the new shipbuilding programmes which
may then be necessary. That Mr.
McKenna did not over-estimate the
gravity of the position when he made
his statement in March is becoming
more clear as time passes, for the
Colony Gazette has admitted that the
battleship *Erzatz Friedrich* had her keel laid
down in the Schichau Yard on March 1.
The German official statement was that
"the contract was only placed in May." This
statement may be literally true, but the
"promise" given earlier in the year was
sufficiently definite as to warrant the
builders in actually commencing the ship,
and the incident is one that may well
be noted as giving an indication of Ger-
many's methods and her continued deter-
mination to accelerate her programme at
all costs.

In his recent speech Mr. McKenna ad-
duced new and significant facts which were
not before the country in March, when Mr.
Asquith and Sir Edward Grey made their
alarming statements. He showed that the
determination of Austria and Italy, the two
other members of the Triple Alliance, to
build fleets of Dreadnoughts was a reality.
Two of the Italian Dreadnoughts have
already been completed, and two more
are to be laid down in the course of the pre-
scent year. As for Austria, Mr. McKenna
said that "every earnest has been given of
the determination of the Austrian Govern-
ment in this matter." Thus, such is the
rapidity with which affairs change. Those
who warned the Government of the neces-
sity of meeting the situation at once in
1908 and 1909, and not postponing their
liabilities, are every day receiving fresh
confirmation of their views. The Govern-
ment, however, deliberately procrastinates,
so that we have before us the alarming
probability of a state of affairs in which
completion of building will make it not only
physically impossible for us to increase our
naval programme, but also exceedingly
difficult to complete our ships in two years
from the laying of the keels. Each suc-
ceeding year will bring us one year nearer the
period when the pre-Dreadnoughts will
all be on the scrap-heap, and it is only
among the oldest of the pre-Dreadnoughts
that our advantage in numbers lies. Mr.
McKenna has himself shown this to be the
case by the statistics that he has given to
the effect that on April 1, 1912, Great
Britain will have only fourteen pre-
Dreadnoughts less than twelve years old,
twelve for Germany and thirteen for the
United States. From the admitted facts
which are now known to all those inter-
ested in the subject, it is abundantly clear
that the building of eight Dreadnoughts on
this year's programme will barely bring
this country up to a position which it should
have been in now, had the minimum
standard laid down by the Cavendish Me-
morial been faithfully adhered to in the
last few years, especially when we
regard the loss of the *Montagu*, which has
never been replaced.

The abandonment of the two-Power
standard is a confession of weakness which
leaves the Government's actions open to
the gravest suspicion, and we hope nobody
will be lulled into a feeling of false security
by the appearance of success in regard to
the demand for eight Dreadnoughts this
year any more than they should be by
the magnificent spectacles of the
Thames and at Spithead on three no-
table occasions during the last three
months. One cannot insist too strongly
that strength is only a relative term, and
that, though our Navy is infinitely stronger
than it was a few years ago, it may
well be that at that former period
our fleet was adequate, whilst at the
present time our immediate programme
is rapidly bringing us to the danger point.
The standard of our strength is, in short,
not to be measured by the ships we can see
(Continued on Page 3.)

ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

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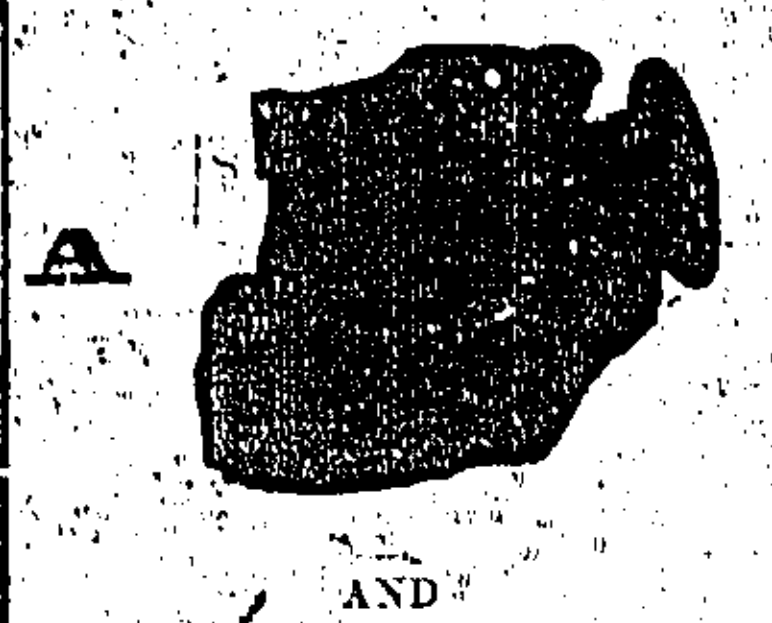
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5.30 p.m.—Meeting of Hongkong St. Andrew's Society at City Hall.

FRIDAY, September 24.—
11.30 a.m.—Meeting of Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving & Dyeing Co., Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.'s Office.

Noon—Meeting of Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office.

TUESDAY, September 28.—
6.15 p.m.—Meeting of Hongkong Cricket Club at Club Pavilion.

THURSDAY, September 30.—
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Valuable Leasehold Land at Herbert Dent & Co.'s Office, Shanghai, Canton.

5.30 p.m.—Meeting of Hongkong Football Club at Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.'s Office.

SATURDAY, October 2.—
Noon—Meeting of Hongkong Jockey Club on the ground floor of Hongkong Club Annex, Chester Road.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, SEPT. 21, 1909.

THE REMAINS OF BUDDHA.

The discovery by Dr. Spooner at Peshawar of a rock crystal casket containing three pieces of charred bone which are, in all human probability, the authentic remains of GAUTAMA BUDDHA is attracting a good deal of attention in the Home papers. The evidence that the casket is really that which King KANISHKA placed within the stupa at Purushapura (Peshawar, or "New Lind") gathers strength the more it is critically examined. But to us dwellers in an island off the southern coast of Far Cathay, the discovery is of more than passing interest by reason of the many references to the site, of Buddha's grave to be found in the accounts of Chinese travellers. The celebrated pilgrim FAU HIEN reached Purushapura in the year 402 A.D. on his way southward from the older capital of Gandhara, from Uddiyana and from Takashasila (the Greek Tashila). Having noticed a boy making what he called a "tope for Buddha," KANISHKA, according to FAU HIEN's account, "proceeded to rear another which was more than 400 cubits high and adorned with layers of all the precious substances. Of all the topes and temples which the pilgrims saw in their peregrinations there was not one comparable to this in

column beauty and majestic grandeur."

KANISHKA was one of the Kushan Kings who ruled over the Afghan-Bactrian region in the first century of our era; but even in FAU HIEN's time the Chinese were unaware of the exact dates of Buddha's death or KANISHKA's rule. The Kushans were simply a Turkish race known to the Chinese as Yüeh-chi, who were driven westward from the western frontiers of China by their kinsmen the Hsiung-nu in the second century B.C. Kueiban was one of the Yüeh-chi tribal divisions afterwards extended to conglomerated tribes, as we see with the words "Turk" and "Ouigour." It was practically KANISHKA who was responsible for the introduction of Buddhism into China during the first century of our era.

In or about the year 520 the Chinese pilgrim SUHO YUN (accompanied by Tao-seng and others) again visited this famous stupa, of which he gives a very long, historical and topical account, practically embodying in it all that FAU HIEN had previously said. He adds, in the account of his travels:—"The King placed in it a quantity of gold and silver, besides all sorts of precious objects. Inside the stupa the Buddhist objects are all made out of gold and jade. It would be difficult to describe them all fully." No doubt Mr. Spooner's recent find of a crystal casket enclosed in a bronze box was one of KANISHKA's treasures; but though SENG YEN gives most minute descriptions of the building itself, he does not specifically mention this priceless casket enclosing some of Buddha's bones, which (like the famous relics in the Kandy temple, which can now only be opened by using the Governor's, the Buddhist Archbishop's and the General's keys, all three together) no doubt was most jealously guarded.

A little more than a century after SUHO YUN, the most famous Chinese pilgrim of all, Hsueh-tsang, once more visited the stupa coming, like SENG YEN and his companions, from the westward via Mangalore, and not like FAU HIEN from the westward and northward via Kabul. He, or rather the author of his "Life," specifically mentions the stupa, or "relics" of BUDDHA in the interior of the stupa. This mention by Hsueh-tsang's biographer of the relics is further confirmed by the Tripitaka, a copy of which was presented by Sir ERNEST SATOW to the Owen's College, Library in 1907. In the biographical chapter specially dedicated to Hsueh-tsang, the latter traveller specifically alludes to SENG YEN's Mission, and to the reason why it was sent by the passionately Buddhistic Tatar Dargah-Empress then ruling in North China. He also states that SENG YEN and TAO-SENG found an enormous mass of Buddhistic relics inside the stupa. In his work called "Western Wanderings," Hsueh-tsang himself mentions yet once more the "eight-bushel measure" of relics, or "relics" in the interior of the stupa.

M. EDOUARD CHAVANIER, the famous Parisian Professor of Chinese, has collected all the above and further evidences concerning this celebrated "Oricle Temple," in his "Voyage de Seng Yün," published a few years ago by SCHNEIDER of Hanou, in Tonkin.

The question of the disposal of the relics of Buddha discovered near Peshawar has not yet been settled, but numerous offers are reaching the Indian authorities for their custody. One of these offers is from MRS. KRYSTIN MINAYA, the wife of the late King MINORU of Burma, who has proposed to contribute a lakh of rupees towards a building suitable for a shrine at Mandalay, should it be decided to locate any portion of the relics in that centre. Personally we are of the opinion that the relics should remain in their crystal casket and never leave India. The Government of India has such a long and honourable record for a sympathetic and enlightened attitude towards native beliefs, that it is therefore, happily, possible for those who appreciate the grave issues involved to leave the decision with confidence in their hands.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Just as we went to press a very heavy thunderstorm passed over the Colony.

Miss E. Leslie made her debut at the Victoria Cinematograph on Monday evening, and had a great reception, being recalled again and again.

It is officially announced at Capetown that the Government and the Admiralty have abandoned the search for the missing liner Waratah, with 300 passengers on board.

We hear of sporadic cases of cholera at Shanghai, Hankow and Chemulpho. At Seoul the disease has spread, having invaded the Palace compound. At Kobe three members of the Post Office staff are down with cholera.

At the French army manoeuvres which began on Sept. 13, a dirigible airship travelled over a circuit of sixty miles in two hours, at a height of 3,500 feet. As a result of its operations the airship was able to communicate valuable information to the force to which it belonged.

Mr. R. Whitehead, the accountant of Kemat Pulat mine, near Ipoh, was recently waylaid and assaulted by three Chinamen armed with knives and iron crowbars, whose faces were blackened. The robbers relieved him of \$1,700 with which he had intended to pay his staff.

A Router's telegram says that an Australian named Lindsay, a labour recruiter, and all the crew of his steamer except two, have been murdered by natives in German New Guinea, and the vessel burned. The trouble was due to the wife of the chief being forcibly taken on board a schooner.

The following appears in *The Times*:—"Diamond Wedding, Watson, Bird.—On the 20th July, 1840, at St. James, Paddington," by the Rev. Charles R. Bird, M.A., James Watson, Bengal Civil Service, only son of Dr. James Watson, 13, Circus; Bath, to Augusta Christiana, second daughter of William Wilberforce Bird, President of the Council of India and Deputy-Governor of Bengal." Mr. Watson retired from India on an invalid pension in 1882.

The Pope's automobile is now beginning to be seen outside the Vatican grounds, Cardinal Merry del Val having been authorized to make use of the car with the object of testing it. It is rumored that His Holiness intends to defy precedent and motor to Castel Gandolfo, where the Papal Villa is in readiness for his reception. Count Cocchiari, Chief of the Papal Police, is to become the official chauffeur to the Pope.

When Mr. Fairbanks, ex-Vice President of the United States, arrived at Nagasaki from Shanghai on the 16th inst., he said, in an interview, that China was more advanced than he had been led to expect. He believed that she would be in the future a great Power. He admired the goodwill and conciliatory spirit shown by Japan and China in the Manchurian agreement. He hoped that both nations would maintain the same attitude in the future.

Speaking at Chicago recently, President Taft discussed the question of the administration of criminal law in the United States. He declared in the course of his address that the present administration of the criminal law of the country is a national disgrace. He alluded to the great delays in the progress of criminal cases and the ability of lawyers by legal technicalities to subvert the ends of justice. The President recommended the passage of an act of Congress greatly extending the powers of the courts to control progress of the writ of injunction. The address on this head covered much the same ground as his famous address before the Yale law school.

The Prince Regent has presented a banner to the Chinese company of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps. Prince Tsai Hsun during his recent visit to the Mode Settlement made the presentation. In the evening he dined with Lieut. Col. Barnes and the officers of the corps. At the conclusion of the evening his Highness delivered a speech, in which he said how pleased he was with the efficiency of the Chinese Company, at which indeed he was surprised. His Highness considered that the Company represented an excellent idea, and he recommended the institution of similar Companies all over the Empire, saying that the Chinese Company, S.V.C., supplied an excellent example for all others to follow. Col. Barnes and the officers received gold medals from the Prince.

A remarkable Australian journalist has just passed away. Mr. J. D. Melvin was present at the capture of Ned Kelly, the famous bushranger. He helped to carry the wounded outlaw to a neighbouring house, and then with professional accuracy interviewed him for his paper. In 1888, when an Australian contingent was accepted by the War Office for service in the Sudan, Mr. Melvin was refused permission to accompany them as a Press correspondent but he went with them all the same—as an assistant surgeon. Having been commissioned to investigate the conditions under which the Kanakas or South Sea Islanders were recruited for the sugar plantations, Mr. Melvin slipped as a sailor in one of the most notorious of the "blackbirding" schooners, and his revelations helped to quench the "fever" of slavery under the British flag.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Cable communication with Shanghai and the North has been restored to normal.

The *North German Gazette* writes that it is not too much to say that for a considerable time there have been upwards of one million unemployed in Germany.

General Booth, the veteran chief of the Salvation Army, has been successfully operated upon for an eye trouble. Queen Alexandra sent a message of sympathy to the General.

The New York correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph* says that 38 persons were killed in motor-car accidents in the United States on one day making over 250 killed in one week.

The Coventry Ordnance Company has received orders from British and other Governments for \$1,000,000 worth of gun mountings, ensuring work throughout 1910 with 1800 extra hands.

B.M.S. Hanchell, while executing a gushy test of Babcock, Devonshire, scaped a roof. Several plates were torn, and the boiler-room oil fuel storage tanks were flooded. Her repairs are likely to occupy four months.

The Chief Justice, Sir Francis Pigott, sentenced another Indian to fifteen years' imprisonment with hard labour, at the Criminal Sessions to-day, for an indecent assault on the same Chinese boy, as in the case of the Indian who was sentenced yesterday. His Lordship remarked that he thought the verdict of the jury was right.

Towards the estimated 1910 Budget deficit of \$8,000,000, M. Cochery, French Minister of Finance, proposes to increase the tobacco tax so as to produce an additional \$1,500,000, and also to sell wine-growers a State label, to be affixed to each bottle of genuine wine, guaranteeing its purity. The cost of the label will vary according to the price of the wine.

In the House of Commons recently Mr. C. W. Bowdler (Labour) asked Mr. Churchill, President of the Board of Trade, in view of the American beef companies increasing their capital by £11,300,000 to control Argentine cattle and beef markets, and the report of the Departmental Committee on Meat Combinations, what steps the Government proposed to take to prevent the control of British beef and cattle markets falling to a foreign combination. Mr. H. J. Tennant, Parliamentary Under-Secretary to the Board of Trade, in replying said that the Government was aware of the points referred to, and that the matter was receiving earnest attention.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Lord Kitchener has left Singapore on board the M. M. Co. s.s. Sydney.

General Broadwood and Capt. Heathcote are returning to the Colony by the P.M. steamer Siberia on Thursday.

Until the return of General Broadwood, Brig. Colonel H. N. Dumbleton, R.E., will be G.O.C. at Hongkong vice Colonel Darling retired.

When asked why he had not permitted a white man to accompany him to the Polo Commander Peary replied, "Because, after my lifelong efforts I wanted dearly to keep this honour to myself."

It is expected that Mr. W. H. Taylor, long a resident of Manila but now home on leave, will be selected by the International Banking Corporation as agent for the branch that is shortly to be opened at Hankow.

Japan papers report the death of Mr. Albert Chais, Agent of the Messageries Maritimes at Yokohama since 1907. Monsieur Chais had been ill only about a week, the cause of death, which took place at the German Hospital on the 7th inst., being complications resulting from stroke. Monsieur Chais joined the M.M. Company in 1888, and was for a number of years in the M.M. office at Kobe.

Mr. Robert Scott Lovett, general counsel for the railways controlled by the Late Mr. Hanman, succeeds to the vacant chair. At different times he has been Counsel for all the railways in Texas, though only now 49 years of age. For several years he has been general counsel for the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific, and affiliated lines, and president of the Houston and Texas Central Railroad Company. In politics he is a Democrat.

In the London *Gazette* for August 13 we find noted the promotion of Lieut. H. G. H. Grant Smith, 104th Wiltshire's Rifles, Indian Army, to the rank of Captain, to date from June 13th. The record of Captain Grant Smith's services is as follows:—Was with the Naval Brigade during the investment of Tientsin Settlement by the Boxers in 1900, and at the taking of Tientsin City. Was with the Royal Welsh Fusiliers from the time they arrived in Tientsin till their return to Hongkong in 1900 (Fering Medal). Was with his regiment (2nd West Yorkshires) in South Africa 1901-2, afterwards serving in the Mounted Infantry Company of this regiment (South African Medal with three clasps). Transferred to the Indian Army. Received the special thanks of the Commander-in-Chief (Lord Kitchener) for good work done while in command of a column of his regiment sent to the native State of Las Bela, Baluchistan, during the late troubles there.

H. M. S. CLIO REPORTED.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, September 21.

H. M. S. Clío has been reported from the Haitian Straits.

WHANGPU CONSERVANCY.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, September 21.

WORKS STOPPED FOR LACK OF FUNDS.

Dredging in the Whangpu stopped to-day, the contract being finished. The Conservancy Board are unable to enter into a new contract owing to the failure of the Viceroy to provide funds.

THE JESSFIELD CLUB RAID.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, September 21.

The Board of Customs are considering the action to be taken in connection with the Jessfield Club raid.

A Sub-inspector, two detective sergeants, and five constables were summoned at the Police Court to-day on a charge of assaulting the two Sikhs on guard at the Club.

Two detectives did not appear, being on leave in Japan, and the case was remanded for a fortnight.

NEWS OF THE CLIO.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, September 21.

Gruesome Sights in Haitian Straits.

The British steamer Kwei-yang, Captain M. Dawson, which arrived in Hongkong this morning, reports speaking on Saturday evening, the 18th September, in the Haitian Straits, the Kwangtai, H. M. S. Clío and the s.s. Anhui.

According to the report of the second officer the vessel, which left Chiaofoo on the 14th inst., experienced throughout confused mountainous seas and winds varying from strong to typhoon force, the direction being northerly to easterly. At the entrance to Haitian Straits the Kwangtai passed numerous bodies of drowned Chinese fishermen in various stages of decomposition, most of them being lashed to rafts and spars.

Both H. M. S. Clío and the s.s. Anhui are expected to arrive this evening or early tomorrow morning.

A representative of the *China Mail* this afternoon visited the Kwangtai, and had a chat with the first and second officers. He was informed that although the run from Chiaofoo the very worst weather was experienced, so much so that the ship had to lie at anchor twice and was delayed for two days. On Saturday afternoon the sea was running particularly strong and they met with many gruesome sights. There had evidently been a disastrous happening somewhere in the vicinity of Amoy, for altogether they must have seen fully a hundred dead bodies of Chinese floating by. Some were lashed on to rafts and some did not seem to be in one case there were quite 30 bodies on a scumpan, some of them having reached such an advanced state of decomposition that they were horrible to behold. From the very start the weather was unusually dirty, and as they progressed there were hourly fears that they would run into a typhoon, but later it was apparent that the centre of the disturbance had passed to the south of them. By Sunday afternoon the conditions began to improve and the forward good weather prevailed.

On making enquiries as to the H.M.S. Clío, our representative was informed that there was no doubt but that she was safe, as also was the s.s. Anhui. "We passed the Clío and the Anhui on Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock," said the second officer. "They were both lying anchored off Station Island in the Haitian Straits. We explored to the Clío and told her what the weather was like outside and she thanked us. We got under way rather early, but both the Clío and the Anhui, which are faster boats than ours, should reach here some twelve hours after us, so they should not be in an appearance some time this evening."

Asked if he thought the Clío had sustained any damage the second officer said there was no appearance that she had. "We looked at her through the glasses," he said, "and everything seemed to be all right. She was cleared for heavy weather, but of course that is always done when the conditions look bad."

This reassuring news will be heard with considerable relief in the colony, for in the absence of other information the fears of an awful calamity looked as if they would only be too well realised.

BRITISH BUDGET COM-PROMISE.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

LONDON, September 20.

Mr. Lloyd George, Chancellor of the Exchequer, admits that he will make a statement to-day which he hopes will remove the grievances of the agricultural landlords.

Speaking in the House of Commons, Mr. Lloyd George, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced the concession he was prepared to make to agricultural landlords, entitling them on making a declaration with data to a deduction up to 25 per cent under the schedule, with respect to repairs and management. The concession would cost half a million in 1909-10.

Mr. Balfour did not think the concession was adequate.

THE AUSTRIAN NAVY.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

LONDON, September 20.

The Austro-Hungarian Ministry has reduced the naval estimates by 1,160,000 sterling.

THE ENGLISH HARVEST.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

LONDON, September 20.

The dry weather of the last few days has done much to retrieve the ruin of the crops prophesied in Reuter's message of the 14th inst.

AMERICA AND JAPAN.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

LONDON, Sept. 21.

President Taft, before starting on his 12,000 mile tour of the Western States, met at Minneapolis, fifty Japanese commercial commissioners at luncheon. He paid a warm tribute to Japanese industry and patriotism and toasted the health of the Mikado, whom he said was a warm and sincere friend of America. He scouted the idea that there was over the slightest American-Japanese trouble.

TIENTSIN'S BRITISH POST OFFICE.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

LONDON, September 21.

Col. Seely, Under Secretary for the Colonies, replying to a question put by Mr. Henniker-Hastoin, said he was given to understand that arrangements had been made to maintain the British Post Office at Tientsin for the present.

DENOUNCING THE MAN-CHURIAN TREATY.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

PEKING, September 20.

The members of the Consulate, led by Chang Yin Lan, the President, have addressed a joint memorial to the Throne denouncing the officials of the Board of Foreign Affairs who concluded the Manchurian agreement with Japan.

GAMBLING IN CANTON.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

PEKING, September 20.

The Cantonese officials in Peking held a meeting on the 19th to receive plans for the suppression of gambling in Canton.

NOTICE.

We beg to notify our Customers and the Public generally that the PRICES OF OUR GOODS WILL, from this day, be INCREASED in proportion to the SCALE OF DUTIES embodied in the Ordinance for levying IMPORT DUTY on LIQUORS which has become Law.

New Price Lists will duly be sent out.

H. Price & Co., Ltd.,

Wine Merchants,

12, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, September 18, 1909.

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Australian Ports ...	Eastern (e)	Jibb Livingson & Co.	Oct. 15 & Noon
B'bay/S' Port/Penang	Tamasaq Mara (e)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Sept. 38
Calcutta & India	Kanlong (e)	Butterfield & Swire	Sept. 24, at 4 p.m.
Colon & Shanghai	Bayan Mara (e)	Ochia Shosen Kaisha	Sept. 23, at 10 a.m.
Europe	Shanghai (e)	Yamato Line	Sept. 23, at 10 p.m.
Fluind, Trieste &c	Nippon (e)	Sander, Wiles & Co	About Sept. 25
Groce, Mar, L'odon &c	Atsuta Mara (e)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	About Sept. 27
Hankow, Hongkong &c	Shiga (e)	Butterfield & Swire	Sept. 31, at 2 a.m.
Harbin & Vladivostok	Shiga (e)		

JAVA	Tyimahi (s)	Java-China-Japan Lijn	1st half Oct.
Kobe and Yokohama	Kitano Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Sept 29

Kobe & Yokohama	Vine Branch (c)	Doddwell & Co., Ltd.	About Sept. 30.
London & Ceylon	Delta (c)	P. O. S. N. O.	Oct. 2 at Noon.
London & A. Wierp.	Windsheire (c)	Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd.	About Sept. 29.
Manila & London	Hitchai Maru (c)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Sept. 29, Daylight.
Manila & London	Polypod (c)	Marquesas Maru	Sept. 22, at 4 p.m.
Manila & Saigon	Koonang (c)	Jardine Matheson & Co.	Sept. 28, at 4 p.m.
Manila	Tosa (c)	Butterfield & Swire	Sept. 29, at 3 p.m.
Manila	Zafiro (c)	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Sept. 28, at Noon.
Manila	Rubi (c)	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Oct. 2, at Noon.
Manila, A. Han Port.	Prins Sigismund (c)	Melchers & Co.	Oct. 8, Daylight.
Manila, A. Han Port.	Kumano Maru (c)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Sept. 30, at Noon.
Manila, A. Han Port.	Indrapura (c)	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Sept. 29, at 4 p.m.
New York v. Suen Can.	Tawata Maru (c)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Sept. 29, at Noon.
Nadai, Kobe & Y. Hama	Shantung (c)	Butterfield & Swire	Sept. 29, at 4 p.m.
Osaka & Souda Bay	Nippon Maru (c)	Yokoi Kisen Kaisha	Sept. 25, at Noon.
San Francisco via Japan	Siberia (c)	Pacific Mail S.S. Co.	Oct. 1, at Noon.

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Vancouver, B.C. Tobacco	Sturges (s).....	Dodwell & Co. Limited	About Sept. 30.
Vancouver, B.C. Tobacco	Osano (s).....	Dodwell & Co. Limited	About Oct. 21.
Vancouver, (B.C.), &c.	Empress of Japan (s).....	Canadian P&R Co.	Oct. 16, at 6 p.m.
Vancouver, (B.C.), &c.	Rampers of India (s).....	Canadian P&R Co.	Sept. 25, at 6 p.m.
Wwei, Ofao & Tsin	Hutchins (s).....	Butterfield & Swire	Sept. 24, at 4 p.m.
Wwei, Ofao & Tsin	Unipacific (s).....	Jardine, Matheson & Co	Oct. 26, at 4 p.m.

SHARE LIST - QUOTATIONS				
September 21, 1909.				
Stocks.	No. of Shares.	Price.	Paid up.	Unpaid Transference Cash.
MARKET.				
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corp.	120,000	\$ 125	all	#1960, buyers £93

National Bank of China, Limited ..	98,295	£	1	2	60	\$65, buyers
MARINE INSURANCE.						
Canton Insurance Office Co., Ltd.	10,000	£	5	30	1150	
China Trade Insurance Co., Ltd.	24,000	£	1	15	115	buyers
China Marine Insurance Co., Ltd.	24,000	£	1	15	115	The 115
Union Insurance Society, Limited.	10,000	£	250	100	1840	buyers
Yungtze Insurance Association Ltd.	12,000	£	130	40	1227	buyers
FIRE INSURANCE.						
China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	70,700	£	100	20	1115	

Hongkong Fire Insurance Co. Ltd.	5,000	7	250	60	\$55, buyers
DOCK, RTD					
H'kong & Whampoa Dock Co. Ltd.	50,000	1	25	all	\$60, sellers
Geo. Fawcett & Co. Limited	15,000	1	60	15	\$11, sellers
New Amoy Dock Co., Ltd.	5,000	1	63	67	\$8, sellers
Shanghai Dock and Eng. Co., Ltd.	10,000	1	100	110	\$17, 77
SEABOARD, ROAD, RTD					
China and Manilla S. S. Co., Ltd.	30,000	1	25	25	\$34, 25
Douglas Steamship Co. Limited	20,000	1	30	all	\$34, 25
H. K. C. and M. Steamboat Co., Ltd.	40,000	1	15	15	\$31, 25
Indo-China S. N. Company, Ltd.	90,000	2	5	all	\$41, 25
Star Ferry Company, Ltd.	10,000	1	10	10	\$26
Shanghai Municipal Council	10,000	1	10	5	\$15, seller
Shui Transport & Trading Co. Ltd.	40,000	1	1	20	\$70
Taku Tel. and Lighter Co., Ltd.	8,800	100	110	50	\$45

Shanghai Tug and Lighter Co., Ltd.	200,000	Tls. 53	Tls. 50	Tls. 53
do. Preferreds.	100,000			Tls. 52
REFINERIES.				
China Sugar Company, Limited.....	25,000	100	all	8147, rollers
Huon Sugar Company, Limited.....	5,000	100	all	923, rollers
Perak Sugar Cultivation Co., Ltd. ..	7,000	50	Tls 80	Tls. 327

WHAIRY.				
H.S. & Kow. Wharf & Godown Co.,	50,000	40	all	\$80, buyers
Shanghai and Hongkow Wharf Co.,	32,000	100	Tai00	Ts. 148
LAND AND BUILDING.				
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited.....	50,000	100	100	\$105, sellers
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Limited	73,000	11	50	Tai.50 Ts. 120
Rowdon Land and Building Company	8,000	50	90	\$30, sellers
Wei-hai-wai Land & Building Co.,	3,675	25	Ts.25	Ts. 8
Hongmoye Trade & Finance Co.,	160,000	10	50	\$41, sellers
West Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	50	60	\$44, sellers
TRAMWAYS.				
The Peak Tramways Co., Ltd.,	25,000	10	all	\$114, sellers
	80,000	10	90	\$140, ..
MINING.				
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin	16,000	250	all	\$255, buyers
Ramb Acet. Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	200,000	1	18/10	\$84, sellers
MISCELL.				
	12,000	50	all	\$724, (old)

Longkong Hotel Company, Ltd.	8,000	42	18	83.5	buyers
Astor House Hotel Co., Ltd. (S'hal)	50,000	42	5	84	117.5
ENTREPRENEURS					
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	50,000	1	13	10	83, sellers
Watkins Limited	10,000	13	9	10	85, sellers
WORKING					
H.K. and China Gas Co., Limited	7,000	2	10	41	82.10, buyers
Shanghai Gas Company, Ltd.	6,000	50	10	76	110, 112
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	60,000	10	5	10	82.5, sellers
SMALLER FIRM					
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.	400,000	5	10	10	8.70, sellers
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited	8,500	2	13	6	19.8
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	2,000	10	10	4	81.5, buyers
Union Waterbury Co., Limited	100,000	10	10	10	83.00
Hongkong Dairy Farm Co.	50,000	10	10	10	81.0
Union Waterbury Co., Limited	25,000	74	5	8	81.5
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	6,000	25	41	10	81.85, sellers
Robinson Photo Co., Limited	4,000	50	5	10	80, sellers
Shanghai Photo Co., Ltd.	18,350	20	2	37	71.4, 425

Hong Kong Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	67,000	1	10	all	\$23
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	127,000	1	10	all	18 7/8, buyers
Wing On Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Limited	23,000	1	10	all	16 1/2, 12c
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Limited	10,000	1	75	11c-23	11c, 8c
Loan-Kung-Mow Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd.	8,000	1	100	11c-16c	11c, 11 1/2
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	8,000	1	600	11c-16c	11c, 11 1/2
China Provident Loan Mortgage Co., Limited	200,000	1	10	11c	11c, 60c, 60c, 60c
China Bank Company, Ltd.	80,000	1	12	12	12 1/2, buyers
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	1,200	1	10	all	12
Wm. Powell, Limited	12,000	1	7	1	1 1/2, sellers
South China Morning Post	8,000	1	10	25	25
China Light and Power Company	80,000	1	10	10	10 1/2, sellers
Szechuan Railway Company, Limited	20,000	1	10	10	10 1/2
Watsanwan Limited	175	1	10	100	1150, buyers
CHINA CONTRACTS					
Philippine Co. Limited	57,500	1	10	10	10, sellers

Cattleheads (fully paid)				271.68
Lingling				279.3, sales
Anglo Malay.....				1140, buyers
Shedding				307, buyers
Balgownie.....				\$88 (Strain) buyers
LOANS.	AMOUNT.	Value.	Interest.	Quotation.
Chinese Imperial 1886 & Tis 707,200 Tls. 250Y % p annum Pa.				
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